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NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON DRAFT PRELIMINARY ENDANGERMENT ASSESSMENT REPORT AND NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR FORMER JORCO CHEMICAL COMPANY SITE, YUCAIPA

What Is Being Proposed?

A draft Preliminary Endangerment Assessment (PEA) report is available for public review and comment for the former Jorco Chemical Company (Jorco) site. The 1.87 acre site is located at 32185 East Outer Highway I-10, in Yucaipa, in a commercial/industrial and partly residential area. The draft PEA report was prepared to assess environmental site conditions and determine if further action is necessary. Under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC prepared a Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project, as the proposed actions will not have an adverse environmental impact.

The former Jorco business is currently occupied by another commercial business named "Stone Solutions do Brazil" that imports exotic granite and other semi-precious stone materials for commercial and residential finish construction. The former structures historically associated with Jorco are no longer present and the site now contains two buildings and various exterior storage and work areas that are used by Stone Solutions do Brazil. From 1955 to 2003, Jorco operated a chemical manufacturing facility that produced chemical products based on latex and poly-acrylate formulations. In 2005, Jorco's operations ceased when most of the former chemical manufacturing facilities and equipments were dismantled and removed. Chemical products manufactured were polyacrylate, thickeners and adhesives. Sodium polyacrylate was manufactured for enhancing drilling muds in the petroleum oil and gas exploration business. Prior to DTSC involvement with the site beginning in 2004, Jorco was under oversight of the San Bernardino County Fire Department (SBCFD) to address areas of known hazardous materials releases. SBCFD determined various chemical storage and processing areas and an underground storage tank (UST) farm are the primary source of contaminant releases at the former Jorco site.

DTSC reviewed the draft PEA report and determined the draft PEA report is adequate and, as a remedy, recommends a Land use Covenant be placed on the property in the form of a Deed Restriction that will be filed after DTSC approves the PEA report.

Why This Notice and How You Can Participate

This notice provides the public an opportunity to learn more about the site and submit public comments on the draft PEA report and CEQA NOE. The 30-day public comment period begins **March 7th ends April 6th, 2011**. **Public comments must be postmarked or e-mailed no later than April 6th, 2011, and sent to: Mr. Johnson Abraham, DTSC Project Manager, 5796 Corporate Avenue, Cypress, CA 90630-4732, E-mail: jabraham@dtsc.ca.gov.** The PEA report and NOE and other site related documents are available for public review at the Information Repositories listed below:

Yucaipa Branch Library
12040 5th Street
Yucaipa, CA 92399-2794
(909) 790-3146

Department of Toxic Substances Control
Regional Records Office
5796 Corporate Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630-4732
(714) 484-5337 (Please contact Ms. Julie Johnson
For an appointment if viewing documents at DTSC)

Who to Contact For More Information

For questions about the former Jorco Chemical Company site please contact Mr. Johnson Abraham, DTSC Project Manager at (714) 484-5476 or Stacey Lear, DTSC Public Participation Specialist at (714) 484-5354 or toll free 1-888-877-5378. Notice to Hearing Impaired: You can obtain additional information by using the California State Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 (TDD) or send a request to contact Stacey Lear at the number above regarding the former Jorco Chemical Company site.